



**TESTIMONY  
OF THE  
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES  
TO THE  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERAN'S AFFAIRS**

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before this joint committee on issues of concern to towns and cities.

**Raised Bill 1062      "An Act Concerning the Acceptance of Claims for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption"**  
**Raised Bill 1064      "An Act Concerning Property Tax Exemptions for Veterans"**

Raised Bill 1062 would allow claims for the veterans' property tax exemption by certain veterans to be accepted – without proof of discharge papers. Raised Bill 1064 would extend the veterans' property tax exemption to a home owned by a nonresident provided the home is the primary residence of such nonresident's parent or parents.

CCM appreciates the intent of these bills. However, we are concerned that these proposals would have significant fiscal impacts on municipal resources – particularly as local officials struggle to sustain programs and services amidst a recession and growing deficits.

CCM urges the Committee to obtain detailed fiscal notes on these proposals to determine the full potential impact on municipal budgets before taking action on these bills. **In this fiscal climate, the Committee should take no action on any proposal that would hurt municipal revenue.**



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